

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1629. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to limitations on exclusive approval or licensure of orphan drugs, and for other purposes.

At 1:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1318. An act to restrict the imposition by the Secretary of Homeland Security of fines, penalties, duties, or tariffs applicable only to coastwise voyages, or prohibit otherwise qualified non-United States citizens from serving as crew, on specified vessels transporting passengers between the State of Washington and the State of Alaska, to address a Canadian cruise ship ban and the extraordinary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Alaskan communities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3237. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 27. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Barbara Barrett as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill and joint resolution were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1629. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to limitations on exclusive approval or licensure of orphan drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.J. Res. 27. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Barbara Barrett as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3233. An act to establish the National Commission to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the United States Capitol Complex, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 3237. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes.

S. 1775. A bill to address gun violence, improve the availability of records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, address mental illness in the criminal justice system, and end straw purchases and trafficking of illegal firearms, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DURBIN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 921. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to further protect officers and employees of the United States, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Michael J. McCord, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

*Ronald S. Moultrie, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security.

By Ms. CANTWELL for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Eric S. Lander, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Regina M. Rodriguez, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Candace Jackson-Akiwumi, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Julien Xavier Neals, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Zahid N. Quraishi, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. ROMNEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KING, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1723. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a stewardship

fee on the production and importation of opioid pain relievers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1724. A bill to amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 to provide the Attorney General with greater authority to promote enforcement of disclosure requirements for agents of foreign principals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1725. A bill to grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 1726. A bill to amend chapter 83 of title 41, United States Code (popularly referred to as the Buy American Act) and certain other laws with respect to certain waivers under those laws, to provide greater transparency regarding exceptions to domestic sourcing requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1727. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a higher Federal matching rate for increased expenditures under Medicaid for behavioral health services (including those related to mental health and substance use), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1728. A bill to create dedicated funds to conserve butterflies in North America, plants in the Pacific Islands, freshwater mussels in the United States, and desert fish in the Southwest United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 1729. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal defense contract, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 1730. A bill to increase portability of and access to retirement savings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1731. A bill to provide certain coverage of audiologist services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1732. A bill to establish a Freight Rail Innovation Institute to carry out a research and development program to develop new technologies for freight rail locomotives; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1733. A bill to authorize implementation grants to community-based nonprofits to operate one-stop reentry centers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1734. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to encourage and expand the use of prescribed